

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee

BILL: SB 1348

INTRODUCER: Senator Smith

SUBJECT: Joseph P. D'Alessandro Office Complex

DATE: April 1, 2006

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	McKay	Wilson	GO	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

The bill designates the office complex at 2295 Victoria Avenue in Fort Meyers as the “Joseph P. D'Alessandro Office Complex,” and directs the Department of Management Services to erect suitable markers to so designate it.

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether it is included in the Florida Statutes.

The act will take effect July 1, 2006.

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person.

A native Floridian, “Joe” D'Alessandro was born and raised in Fort Myers. He graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism in 1961, and then earned his Juris Doctor degree from Stetson College of Law in 1964. He is a member of the Florida Bar and the United States Supreme Court Bar.

After a brief time in private practice, Governor Claude Kirk appointed Mr. D'Alessandro as the Assistant State Attorney for Lee County. Two years later in 1969, he was appointed as the State Attorney for the newly-created 20th Judicial Circuit, encompassing Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades Counties, the largest geographical circuit in the State of Florida.

Mr. D'Alessandro, at the age of 30, was the youngest State Attorney to hold the position, and after his appointment he was elected to the office eight times, six of them unopposed.

Active in many professional associations, Mr. D'Alessandro is a Past-President of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association (FPAA), Past-Vice President of the National District Attorneys Association, served on Governor Chiles' Criminal Justice Task Force, as well as Governor Martinez's Drug Police Task Force and Criminal Justice Information Systems Council. Mr. D'Alessandro served many years on both the Executive Council and Criminal Procedure Rules Committee of the Florida Bar. In addition, he has been a guest lecturer at the Cooper Institute for Advanced Studies in Medicine and the Humanities, as well as the Naples Conservancy.

Mr. D'Alessandro has been involved in many community service organizations such as United Way and the Nations Association. He has been listed in "Who's Who in American Law Enforcement," the Florida Jaycees recognized him with their Florida Outstanding American Award, and the Italian American Federation of the State of Florida voted him their Man of the Year in 1983.

Mr. D'Alessandro has been married to the former Sydney Parnell, also of Fort Myers, for nearly four decades. They have an adult daughter and son, and enjoy being grandparents.

After serving the citizens of Southwest Florida for more than 30 years, Mr. D'Alessandro retired in January of 2003.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

According to the Board of Governors, for markers at universities, the cost can vary from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on the number of markers and the size, type, and materials used to construct the marker.

According to the DMS, the placement of markers will require a specific appropriation of Fixed Capital Outlay funds, and that complex markers generally range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 to establish a suitable marker designating the name of a public institution facility.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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